



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 7383



Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5004**

File No. 350

Cal. No. 237

(As Amended)

**"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING EARLY VOTING."**

1 Strike section 3 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu  
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 3. Section 9-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

5 (a) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any  
6 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,  
7 at any regular election, or at any special election held to fill a vacancy in  
8 a state, district or municipal office, the polls on the day of such election  
9 shall remain open for voting from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m.  
10 No elector shall be permitted to cast such elector's vote after the hour  
11 prescribed for the closing of the polls in any election unless such elector  
12 is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police officer of the  
13 municipality, who is designated by the moderator, shall be placed at the  
14 end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or officer shall not allow

15 any electors who were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such  
16 line.

17 (b) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any  
18 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,  
19 at any regular election, each location designated for [election day] same-  
20 day election or same-day primary registration pursuant to subsection  
21 (c) of section 9-19j, as amended by this act, shall, on election day or  
22 primary day, as those terms are defined in said section, remain open for  
23 [election day] registration and voting from six o'clock a.m. until eight  
24 o'clock p.m. No applicant for [election day] same-day election or same-  
25 day primary registration shall be admitted as an elector or permitted to  
26 cast such applicant's vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the  
27 location designated for such purposes [in any regular] on election day  
28 or primary day unless such applicant is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An  
29 election or primary official or a police officer of the municipality, who is  
30 appointed by the registrars of voters, shall be placed at the end of the  
31 line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or officer shall not allow any  
32 applicants who were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such  
33 line.

34 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any  
35 special act or municipal charter, at any election and any primary held  
36 on or after January 1, 2024, each location designated for the conduct of  
37 early voting pursuant to subsection (b) of section 1 of this act or for  
38 same-day election or same-day primary registration pursuant to  
39 subsection (c) of section 9-19j, as amended by this act, shall, during the  
40 early voting period, remain open during the regular business hours of  
41 the city or town hall, or other main municipal building, of such  
42 municipality. No voter shall be permitted to cast such voter's vote after  
43 the hour prescribed for the closing of the location designated for early  
44 voting at such election or primary unless such voter is in line at such  
45 prescribed hour. An election or primary official or a police officer of the  
46 municipality, who is appointed by the registrars of voters, shall be  
47 placed at the end of the line at such prescribed hour. Such official or  
48 officer shall not allow any voters who were not in such line at such

49 prescribed hour to enter such line."